

PROPOSAL F2003-22

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Reason for changing the regulation: Subsistence fishermen are not looking for trophy fish or a yuppy fishing experience. The main objective is to get a fish for the table.

Effect of change on fish or shellfish populations: A few more fish will be utilized by rural subsistence users rather than being caught and released to die by non-local fishermen.

Effect of change on subsistence users: This change will allow local (rural) fishermen access to fish for eating. Currently being limited to methods we are unfamiliar with has effectively removed us from the food chain. These changes will allow us to access some fish like we did formerly.

Additional Information:

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